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TO : [ ] Ass't General Counsel

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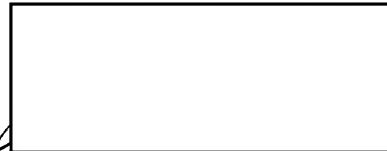
FROM : Chief, Security Staff, OL

SUBJECT: Secrecy of Patents

1. Attached hereto for your concurrence and/or comment is a letter prepared for [ ] signature requesting the General Counsel to take appropriate action to have this Agency included under Section 181, Title 35, USC, as an agency authorized to place secrecy orders on patents.

2. [ ] OL/PD/T&SB, states that it is his understanding from talks with [ ] that this Agency does not now have such authority. Wish you would check this out before approving the letter for [ ] signature, however, as Section 181 indicates that any department named by the President as a national defense agency does have such authority.

3. Would like to know if this letter to the General Counsel is necessary, and if so, do you concur in wording, etc.?



Attachment

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